

FISCAL NOTE

HB 718 - SB 1266

February 21, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Act* and requires the Department of Safety to annually inspect all amusement rides in the State of Tennessee. A violation is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor. Currently, amusement ride operators must obtain a permit from the county clerks after presenting proof on insurance. Application for such permits is on a form provided by the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenues - \$496,000 Recurring
\$84,000 One-Time**

**Increase State Expenditures – Net Impact - \$496,000 Recurring
\$84,000 One-Time**

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Net Impact - Not Significant

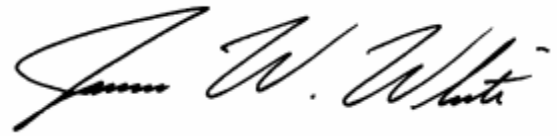
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Net Impact - Not Significant

Assumptions:

- An increase in state revenues from the collection of inspection fees.
- Inspection fees will be set in an amount to cover expenditures.
- An increase in state expenditures for five positions and related operational expenses, inspector contracts and travel for Board members.
- A not significant decrease in state expenditures. Currently the Department of Commerce and Insurance provides permit application forms to county clerks.
- A not significant decrease in local government expenditures to the extent that local governments will no longer issue permits.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director